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Pakistan police arrest suspect

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Police in Pakistan say they have arrested the second of four suspects wanted for carrying out the gang rape of an 18-year-old girl on the orders of a tribal council. Officials say Faiz Bakhsh Mastoi gave himself up late Saturday to a local newspaper in the city of Multan in Punjab province. "I'm surrendering at the newspaper office because I'm afraid that police may kill me in a fake encounter."

Husband killings rise in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran — Married at 13 to a man 18 years older, Ferdows was the wife Iranian society expected to be: obedient, and silent, despite beatings and humiliation. After 30 years of abuse, she arranged to have her husband killed. Ferdows, has been convicted of murder and sentenced to death. At least 20 Tehran women were accused of murdering their husbands since February.

NCOs to receive new guidance

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—An updated Department of the Army pamphlet will soon provide noncommissioned officers more robust career development guidance on the path to sergeant major.

Replacing a 15-year-old generic DA PAM 600-25, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Guide, the new guide will offer structured institutional and self-development career advice tailored to each military occupational specialty and skill level via the Web later this month.

"The Army has

been in need of this publication for some time," said retired Sgt. Maj. Carl Armentrout, chief of Army Development Systems XXI Enlisted Component. "The field asked for better NCO professional development guidance and it is being delivered. It's very extensive."

Updating the NCO guide was one of the recommendations the Army Development Systems XXI task force made to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki last year. According to its charter, the task force was formed in October 1999

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Frisbee fun

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jody Hudnall, 66th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron from Moody Air Force Base, Va., catches a high-flying frisbee from one of his fellow airmen in the K2 sun.



Army Reserve engineer, Spc. Christie Ladd, builds a table for the laundry tent at Karshi Khanabad, Uzbekistan.

Montana engineers build K2 base in Uzbekistan

Story & photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley
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KARSHI - KANABAD, Uzbekistan — Fresh sawdust flies through the Karshi Khanabad, Uzbekistan, air as wooden structures for the base is built. Cowboy hats and hammers are the accessories accompanying the engineers from the snow-capped state of Montana. The 279th Engineer Company from Missoula has been deployed since Janu-

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any contributing to the overall mission of Operation Enduring Freedom by building a safer more comfortable living environment for the soldiers, airmen and Marines in theater.

“Our mission is to set up camp and maintain it,” said Staff Sgt. Bob Lindow, construction worker.

They have built billeting for soldiers in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, from Bagram Air Base to K2.

“Before we came here, we

built a tent city in Bagram for the 18th Airborne Corps,” said Lindow, who also owns his own construction company back home.

As engineers, the company not only designs the buildings, they also perform the construction and set up the wiring.

The small team of around 50 soldiers has built countless items around the theater including a Post Office, shacks, poll sheds, doors for the tents and porches.

“We build anywhere from five to six porches a day for the

soldiers here on base,” said Spc. Mitchell Gavthier, carpenter.

He said the soldiers like to sit outside on the porches after a hard day of work to relax and unwind. It’s not quite home, but it does help the morale.

The lumber is brought in from Russia, Chile or obtained locally, Lindow said. Some of the types of wood used to build the various structures include cedar, pine and fir.

Gavthier said making deadlines hasn’t been a challenge due to all the experience the

team has had.

“We can make the deadlines because we know what we are doing. I have been doing this for 35 years, the company commander is an engineer for the Highway Department for Montana, and a few of us have our own businesses,” said Lindow. “Our ‘soldiers’ love to keep busy doing things important to the mission. They take pride in their work and the way they do things. We want to make a difference here.”

Spanish children donate school supplies to Bagram

Story & photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser
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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – Children from a school in Madrid, Spain, sent school supplies to the Spanish Air Force Hospital at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, earlier this month. On Saturday, the airmen delivered the supplies to the Bagram School, that teaches more than 1,600 children, ages 6 and up.

“We were very surprised to see the Spanish bring books, notebooks, pens, pencils, textbooks and (backpacks),” said Mayoudin, director of the school and mathematics teacher. “We are very happy to receive these gifts.”

Every 10 days, an airplane arrives in Bagram bringing supplies to the Spanish.

“If space allows, on that plane is also supplies for the Afghans,” said 2nd Lt. David Paños Saa, security commander.

The unit’s mission is to support the coalition force and to provide humanitarian aid to the Afghans. Although 90 percent of their activities is to provide health care, the airmen are happy to provide non-medical supplies to the locals.

“We are not used to seeing these poor living condition,” said Lt. Col. Pedro



The Director of the Bagram School, Mayoudin, left, thanks the Spanish Air Force for their donation of school supplies Saturday. Master Sgt. Vicente Ortega, center, pulls security as Muhamd Nasir, interpreter, looks on.

Armero, chief of the Air Force staff of cabinet and detachment commander. “The unit that was here before us built tables for the school and we know they still need more supplies.

“We know it won’t solve their (Afghan children) problems,” he said. “But it’s a good thing the children in Madrid have done.”

“It’s a feeling of importance,” Saa said when referring to the faces of the children who received the supplies.

“Sometimes, it’s sadness. You give them something and they’ve got a smile on their face, but it is only a temporary solution. We’re a grain of sand in the big desert.”

In addition to attaining more school supplies, the hospital is also working on providing polio vaccines for the Afghan children.

“We can’t give up on the (Afghan) children,” said Lt. Col. Leopoldo Calvo, hospital commander. “We will help them any way we can.”

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to “chart a course for enlisted and warrant officer development and management required in the next century.”

Making the pamphlet an e-book allows it to be updated quickly by MOS proponents and other Army officials when changes occur or more current information is available, Armentrout said.

As an e-book, the guide also has hundreds of hyperlinks for more detailed coverage of specific Army subjects and programs. Users can checkout the Army’s Credentialing Opportunities Online Web site to see how a MOS compares to a similar civilian profession and what is required to qualify for jobs in that career field. Another

link takes users to the Army Education Web site which details information on a myriad of academic degree-building programs and available tuition assistance.

Specifically, the guide lays out the duties, prerequisites, required institutional training and recommended self-development of each MOS by career management field and skill level, Armentrout said.

Armentrout gave an update on other ADS XXI enlisted initiatives:

Career field proponents have made significant progress on the requirement to reduce MOSs to a more manageable level, he said. When the ADS XXI task force formed, the Army had 241 MOSs. The number today is

less than 200.

The next step is for the Training and Doctrine Command to look across proponents to see what other MOSs might be consolidated for further reductions, Armentrout said. Low-density MOSs that are not inherently military are also being examined for possible outsourcing, he said.

On the need to staff Sergeant Major Academy instructor positions with seasoned senior NCOs, the first batch of 15 report in this summer, with 15 more following in 2003 and another 15 in 2004. The recent practice had been to staff the academy’s 48 instructor positions with sergeants major who had just graduated from the academy’s training,

Armentrout said. Another fix in the works is lifting a regulatory ban that prohibits command sergeants major who leave command positions for other non-command assignments from returning to command slots, he said.

A similar initiative is under review to field experienced senior NCOs in observer/controller positions at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

“Obviously, a command sergeant major who has taken a battalion through the National Training Center a time or two is better qualified to mentor NCOs coming through NTC than someone who has never been there before,” Armentrout said.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Wednesday
Bagram:	Partly cloudy H: 93F L: 72F	Sunny H: 93F L: 73F
Kandahar:	Dusty H: 108F L: 72F	Haze H: 111F L: 73F
Kabul:	Vicinity showers H: 88F L: 64F	Vicinity showers H: 86F L: 66F
Uzbekistan:	Partly cloudy H: 96F L: 72F	Partly Cloudy H: 95F L: 73F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Giambi defeats Sosa for All-Star Home Run championship; Bonds exits early

Sammy was the one with all the moonshots.

Jason Giambi was the one who won it.

Giambi blasted Sosa 7-1 in the final round, but Sosa clearly stole the spotlight. Sosa belted 12 HRs in the first round to tie Cal Ripken Jr for third place all time. Only Giambi, last year, with 14 and Mark McGwire in 1998 with 13 ever hit more.

Giambi became the first Home Run Derbyist to hit seven homers in each round.

Players don't set strike date, prepare for ninth stoppage since 72

The executive board of the players' union failed to set a strike date Monday, but will speak with major leaguers for authority to call the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Owners have proposed to increase the percentage of local revenue each team would share, from 20 percent to 50 percent and a 50 percent tax on the portions of payrolls over \$98 million. The salaries have skyrocketed from \$51,500 in 1976 to \$2.38 million this year.

Dunleavy signs three-year deal with Warriors

Mike Dunleavy, the third-overall pick in last month's draft, signed with the Golden State Warriors Monday.

Dunleavy, a 6-foot-9 forward, was a member of the 2001 NCAA champion Duke Blue Devils. He averaged 17.3 points and 7.2 rebounds last year, then skipped his senior year.

Armstrong fourth; Bertogliati retains yellow jersey in the 2002 Tour de France

American Lance Armstrong finished the second stage in 61st place to drop to fourth in the overall standings.

Oscar Freire of Spain won the 112.2 mile trek as Rubens Bertogliati retained the overall lead he took away from Armstrong Sunday.

Armstrong, the three-time defending champion, isn't expected to compete for the lead until the mountain stages next week.

Williams body already frozen; daughter, son still battling for control

Ted Williams' estate will ask a judge to decide if the body's should be cremated or frozen, a move to try to resolve a family feud over the remains.

2002 Major League standings

American League East		GB
N.Y. Yankees	55-32 .632	-
Boston	52-33 .612	2
Baltimore	42-43 .494	12
American League Central		GB
Minnesota	50-39 .562	-
Chicago (AL)	42-46 .477	7.5
Cleveland	39-47 .453	9.5
American League West		GB
Seattle	55-33 .625	-
Anaheim	51-35 .593	3
Oakland	50-38 .568	5
National League East		GB
Atlanta	56-32 .636	-
Montreal	46-41 .529	9.5
Florida	45-43 .511	11
National League Central		GB
St. Louis	47-38 .553	-
Cincinnati	46-41 .529	2
Houston	41-45 .477	6.5
National League West		GB
Los Angeles	54-34 .614	-
Arizona	51-36 .586	2.5
San Francisco	49-38 .563	4.5

All-Star Home Run Derby Champions

2002 - Jason Giambi

(Miller Park)

2001 - Luis Gonzalez

(Safeco Field)

2000 - Sammy Sosa

(Turner Field)

1999 - Ken Griffey Jr

(Fenway Park)

1998 - Ken Griffey Jr

(Coors Field)

1997 - Tino Martinez

(Jacobs Field)

1996 - Barry Bonds

(Veterans Stadium)

1995 - Frank Thomas

(The Ballpark in Arlington)

1994 - Ken Griffey Jr

(Three Rivers Stadium)

1993 - Juan Gonzalez

(Camden Yards)